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MARKET FACILITATION CENTRES FOR EXPORT OF CUT FLOWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Market Facilitation Centres for cut flowers exports have been set up by the Government in various countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the revenue generated from these countries during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more such centres in various countries in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) A Market Facilitation Centre (MFC) was set up by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in October 2001 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

(b) The details of the export of fresh cut flowers facilitated by the MFC during the last three years are given below:

Volume (stems in thousand)

2005-06 2006-07 2007-08

13259 14200 14069

(source: APEDA)

Figures for the current year are not available. No revenue was generated as the services of the MFC were extended without any fee as a promotional measure. The Centre has been closed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.